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## Doddridge County Emergency Squad, Inc. Approved For Federal Grant

**Morgantown, WV – July 7, 2006:** State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Grant of \$39,000 for the Doddridge County Emergency Squad, Doddridge County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a garage addition to the organization's existing facility in West Union. This grant consists of subsequent funding to cover a construction cost over-run and completes a Rural Development funding package of \$162,000.

Steptoe remarked, "This new addition will provide indoor storage for the emergency vehicles." He added, "Community Facilities are essential to the quality of life in any rural community. Through its Community Facilities programs, West Virginia Rural Development is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural West Virginians."

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